



THE LANE VINEYARD

March Offer

Australian wines have sometimes been typecast as bold and brash, but there is evidence to the contrary. There are wines with grace and complexity, that make you stop and think, that don't reveal all their secrets with the first sip. Boutique winery 'The Lane' is a case in point.

The Lane is now a second-generation success story, run by brothers Marty and Ben and founded by their parents in the early 90s. Their wines undoubtedly have that exuberant, ripe Aussie fruit (as General Manager, Marty, says "we can't turn off the sun!"), but they have one foot in the Old World, thanks to the family's love of classic French wines and their unique spot of land in the Adelaide Hills. Here the vines benefit from high altitude breezes and cool air coming in from the Southern Ocean, giving all of the wines a signature freshness and minerality underscoring their seductive fruit.

We are offering RG Single Vineyard Chardonnay and JC Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon from The Lane's top tier 'Heritage' range, plus a selection of wines from their other top parcels within the vineyards, including very small quantities of limited release magnums.

THE WINES

RG Single Vineyard Chardonnay 2010

Named after Reginald William Germein, co-founder Helen Edwards' father, the team at The Lane will wander through the vineyards at harvest time, seeking out the best grapes from their oldest Chardonnay vines. This exquisite fruit is pressed straight to French oak barrels where fermentation occurs naturally to give an unadulterated, true expression of the vineyard.

Fresh white peach, a squeeze of lime and crème brûlée on the nose, with generous up-front flavours of nectarine, lemon curd and toasted cashews on the palate before that Adelaide Hills freshness and structure reins it all in. With only a hundred cases made each year, this is a cult wine in the making.

Recommended drinking from 2018 to 2020 £172 per case of 6 bottles, IB UK

JC Shiraz Cabernet 2010

A selection of the very best barrels of Shiraz and Cabernet Sauvignon made from the vintage, JC is a tribute to John Crighton, co-founder John Edwards' father. It is The Lane's take on the legendary Australian red wine blend, Penfolds Grange.

A warm and enveloping nose of smashed blackberries, tobacco leaf and dark chocolate segues into a complex, multi-layered palate, that balances amplitude with freshness. Rich fruits of the forest and mint-choc meld with deftly handled oak, adding liquorice and spice. This dark core is complemented by velvety tannins and a mineral seam that runs through. Like the limited production of the RG, only 100 cases are produced.

£218 per case of 6 bottles, IB UK Recommended drinking from 2018 to 2030+

Gathering Sauvignon Semillon 2015

"If you put an oyster anywhere near a glass of Gathering..." quips Marty "...it'll jump out of its shell to get in!" such is the salinity and freshness on offer. In its youth the wine is precise and pure, with pristine citrus fruit. If you allow it to rest in the cellar for one or two years, it fleshes out nicely with stone fruit flavours and a hint of creaminess to match that early brightness and minerality. Sauvignon Blanc for grown-ups!

Recommended drinking from 2018 to 2025 £152 per case of 12 bottles, IB UK £163 per case of 6 magnums, IB UK

Beginning Chardonnay 2015/16

'Beginning' is a perfect example of why the Adelaide Hills is producing some of the most satisfying and exciting Chardonnays around at the moment. A wine of poise and grace, it has an addictive nose of orange blossom and toasted granola, with crystalline flavours of pink grapefruit and white peach. There are savoury and buttery elements from well-judged oak that add to the layers of complexity, but without a trace of fat.

Recommended drinking from 2018 to 2025 £162 per case of 12 bottles (2016), IB UK £169 per case of 6 magnums (2015), IB UK

Reunion Shiraz 2012/13

This is the wine where you can really sense the magic of the terroir. It's an antidote to the big stereotypical Aussie Shiraz and an exemplary expression of a grape varietal, stripped back and shorn of excessive alcohol and jammy over-ripeness. There is still immense power here from the concentrated black fruit and dark chocolate finish, but the wine has a perfumed scent, fresh ground pepper tingle and velvety tannins, that urge you to throw a steak on the Barbie.

Recommended drinking from 2018 to 2025 £212 per case of 12 bottles (2013), IB UK £220 per case of 6 magnums (2012), IB UK

19th Meeting Cabernet Sauvignon 2012

"Shiraz is the big noise, but Cabernet is the sleeper", says Marty. It could be the Adelaide Hills' best kept secret. The Lane's single vineyard example has cassis, blueberry and cigar box aromas, brooding dark fruit on the palate with Christmas pudding spice and a slinky, elegant structure. There is an invigorating minty and mineral freshness to this gentle giant.

Recommended drinking from 2018 to 2025 £212 per case of 12 bottles, IB UK £220 per case of 6 magnums, IB UK

Block 14 Basket Press Shiraz 2013

Block 14 is a small parcel of land at the top of a hill, where The Lanes' highest, most exposed Shiraz vines are made to work hard. These conditions impart a sense of refinement and distinction not normally associated with Aussie Shiraz. A rush of blue flowers on the nose gives way to plush flavours of black plums, wild blackberries and cherry liquorice offset by savoury game notes, peppery spice and hallmark minerality. Fine, polished tannins give this wine presence to anchor its complexity.

£184 per case of 12 bottles, IB UK Recommended drinking from 2018 to 2025

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